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Target List for Bulgaria

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The following constitutes new language for the existing target for Bulgaria.

RAILROADS

Background

Soviet support of Bulgarian forces would require heavy usage of rail transport. Information on the capabilities and utilization of Bulgarian rail transport is therefore important in the event of Soviet military operations in southeastern Europe.

Basic Requirements

There is known to exist an overt statistical compilation of Bulgarian railroad traffic which is available and which is being exploited. Information is required on a continuing basis on this overt publication. In addition, it is believed that a classified handbook exists which may reveal an inventory of rolling stock and locomotives, by type, which may be available for military purposes in case of hostilities. The handbook may also set forth the rules and regulations by which the railroads and their personnel will be governed in case of hostilities. Such a handbook would include a detailed description of facilities available at the international borders. The handbook would be classified and available only to high ministerial officials. In the case of hostilities it is highly probable that the existing overt publications would become classified, and that the presently classified matter would become even more difficult to obtain. Information on material believed to be contained in the classified handbook mentioned above is a current and continuing requirement for clandestine collection.

Location of the targets would probably be in the offices of ranking officials of the Ministry of Transportation, the Ministry of Defense, Regional offices of the Railway Administration and Regional Military Headquarters.

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